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STUDENT SENATE

28 NOVEMBER 2001

SGB No. 13

By: SENATOR THOMPSON

A BILL

TO AMEND THE LSU A&M STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTION CODE IN ORDER TO
SHORTEN AND STREAMLINE THE CURRENT CAMPAIGN AND ELECTION PROCESS

PARAGRAPH 1: WHEREAS, THE CURRENT LSU A&M ELECTION TIMETABLE CALLS FOR FILING FOR CANDIDACY TO BEGIN AT A MINIMUM OF TWENTY-ONE (21) DAYS BEFORE THE ACTUAL ELECTION, AND

PARAGRAPH 2: WHEREAS, FALL BREAK AND SPRING BREAK OCCUR DURING THE MIDDLE OF THE RESPECTIVE ACTIVE CAMPAIGN PERIOD LEADING TO A LONG AND FRACTIONED CAMPAIGN PERIOD, AND

PARAGRAPH 3: WHEREAS, ABSENTEE VOTING IS CURRENTLY A TWO-DAY PERIOD OCCURRING ON THE TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTIONS IN THE SPRING, AND

PARAGRAPH 4: WHEREAS, THE PURPOSE OF ABSENTEE VOTING IS TO FACILITATE THOSE STUDENTS WHO CANNOT BE PRESENT ON THE WEDNESDAY OF THE GENERAL ELECTION BUT HAS RECENTLY BECOME A PROCESS BY WHICH ALL STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO VOTE ON THESE DAYS.

PARAGRAPH 5: THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED THAT ARTICLE III, SECTION 4, SUBSECTION B OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ELECTION CODE SHALL BE AMENDED TO READ:

A THREE (3) CLASS DAY PERIOD FOR FILING SHALL BE OPENED NO LESS THAN TWENTY-ONE (21) AND NO MORE THAN THIRTY (30) CALENDAR DAYS BEFORE THE DATE OF THE ELECTION. ANY QUALIFIED STUDENT MAY FILE AN INTENTION OF CANDIDACY FORM PROVIDED BY THE BOARD FOR THE OFFICE HE/SHE SEEKS FROM 9 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M. DURING THESE DAYS.

FURTHERMORE, BE IT ENACTED THAT ARTICLE III, SECTION 7, SUBSECTION A BE AMENDED TO READ:

THERE SHALL BE NO ACTIVE CAMPAIGNING UNTIL ONE (1) WEEK AFTER THE CLOSE OF FILING.

FURTHERMORE, BE IT ENACTED THAT ARTICLE III, SECTION 8 SHALL BE AMENDED TO READ:

- 1A. ABSENTEE VOTING IN THE SPRING WILL BE HELD THE TUESDAY ONE (1) WEEK PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTION FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M. IN THE LOBBY OF JOHNSTON HALL.
- 1B. ABSENTEE VOTING IN THE FALL WILL BE HELD THE TUESDAY ONE (1) WEEK PRIOR TO THE GENERAL ELECTION FROM 8:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M. IN THE LOBBY OF JOHNSTON HALL.

PARAGRAPH 6: THIS LEGISLATION SHALL TAKE EFFECT TWO (2) SEMESTERS, EXCLUDING SUMMERS, FOLLOWING PASSAGE BY A TWO-THIRDS (2/3) VOTE OF THE LSU A&M STUDENT SENATE.

APPROVED

JEREMY GRIGGS- SPEAKER

DATE

APPROVED

PATRICK McCUNE- PRESIDENT

DATE